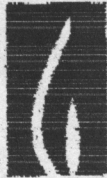


The Gas Company

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Attention: Mary Beth Woulfe / Jeff Newman

Subject: United States Fish & Wildlife Service Application

Dear Mary Beth:

The Southern California Gas Company requests permission to install a six inch utility natural gas pipeline that will be placed in the City of Colton to serve the "Drown" substation. The pipeline will be supplied from a mainline located in the easement of Pepper Ave (12" SL 41-28) in the County area of San Bernardino. This location has both the "delhi sands flower loving fly" and habitat for the species. The pipeline will be placed in an area that has been totally disturbed, graveled over and used as a road.

1. Project Description:

The project is located in section 25, range 4 W, Township 1-S, in San Bernardino County, Thomas guide page 606 in the 2001 edition (see attached map). Using a rubber-tired backhoe, the Gas Company will excavate an 18" wide trench. To minimize impact, the spoils will be placed on both sides at the edge of the trench. The pipe will be installed and the excavation will be backfilled with the backhoe. All gravel east of the road will be removed and taken offsite. Where necessary, the gravel will be replaced with soil approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No vegetation will be impacted. The installation of a meter set is required to measure the usage of gas and to provide safe delivery. The meter set will be installed above ground on the outside of the substation wall just north of the north gate. The meter set assembly will require a 10' x 36' area. The site is accessed by an existing gravel road off of Slover Ave. The project will begin in the existing Gas Company right-of-way and move into the City of Colton's private property on the graveled road: the action will require four to five workers, One backhoe, one dump truck, one welding truck, one crew truck, and one pick-up truck. The underground excavating is expected to begin the second or third week of April 2001 and be completed within ten working days. The project will follow the stipulations listed under the Section Mitigation.

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2. On Site Contact:

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3. Purpose and Need:

This new natural gas line is being installed to fuel additional power generating equipment at the station to help offset the electrical needs in the State of California.

4. Sensitive Resource Issues:

The project area is located on the land owned by the City of Colton. At this location there are both the delhi sands flower loving fly and habitat to sustain the delhi sands flower loving fly.

5. Mitigation Plan for Disturbances:

The following measures will be implemented to minimize impacts.

- * Pipeline installation will occur during the dry weather so no unnecessary disturbance will occur from run-off.
- * Incorporating Best Engineering Practices (BEP).
- * Restore the existing east/west access road to better than pre-construction condition by removing gravel and, where necessary for grade, bring in soil approved by the service.
- * Remove all gravel collected onsite.
- * No fueling or repairs of equipment will occur onsite.
- * Additional mitigation in the form of compensation has been agreed to by Bruce Pohlman of Alliance Power.

6. Additional Permits:

City of Colton
County of San Bernardino

